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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: (A) STATE 167611; (B) RABAT 3461; (C) RABAT 3468

1. DURING LUNCH WITH FOREIGN OFFICE UNDER SECRETARY ROVIRA JULY 17, HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH NEW TO SAY ABOUT SAHARA. ALTHOUGH I GAVE HIM BROAD OUTLINE OF WHAT WE UNDERSTOOD TO BE MOROCCO-ALGERIA AGREEMENT, HE SAID THAT GOS REMAINED VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THIS AGREEMENT AND COULD NOT GET ANY REAL CONFIRMATION. HE ADDED THAT GOS MAINTAINED QUITE CLOSE CONTACTS WITH MOROCCO, BUT FRANKLY HAD LITTLE CONFIDENCE OR TRUST IN THEIR STATEMENTS.

2. REGARDING ALGERIAN ATTITUDE, HE TOLD ME THAT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR HAD JUST SEEN CORTINA, BUT HE DID NOT YET KNOW WHAT HAD BEEN SAID. HE PROMISED TO INFORM ME  
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ABOUT SUBSTANCE THIS CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE

STRESSED THAT GOS WOULD NOT AGREE TO MAKE A DEAL WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA WHICH IGNORED ALGERIA'S INTERESTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THESE THREE REACHED A CLEAR AGREEMENT, GOS WOULD GO ALONG WITH IT.

3. ROVIRA INDICATED THAT IF WALDHEIM WAS UNABLE TO ARRANGE FOUR POWER MEETING AND TENSION CONTINUED IN SAHARA, GOS WOULD PROBABLY THEN CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. GOS HAD MADE CONTINGENCY PLANS TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM SAHARA IN FIFTEEN-DAY PERIOD IF THAT NECESSARY. IT DID NOT WISH TO DO SO IFF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR LONGER AND MORE ORDERLY TRANSITION. HOWEVER, IF PARTIES COULD NOT REACH AGREEMENT, IF UN PROVED IMPOTENT, AND IF INCIDENTS CONTINUED, GOS WOULD THEN PULL OUT, HANDING OVER RESPONSIBILITY TO UN, WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY GOING TO WHAT LITTLE SELF-GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE EXISTED IN SAHARA.  
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